



Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

88



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center

57

Positive Results from PMC

26

Pending Results from PMC

5

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

38

Memorial Day Monday, May 25th

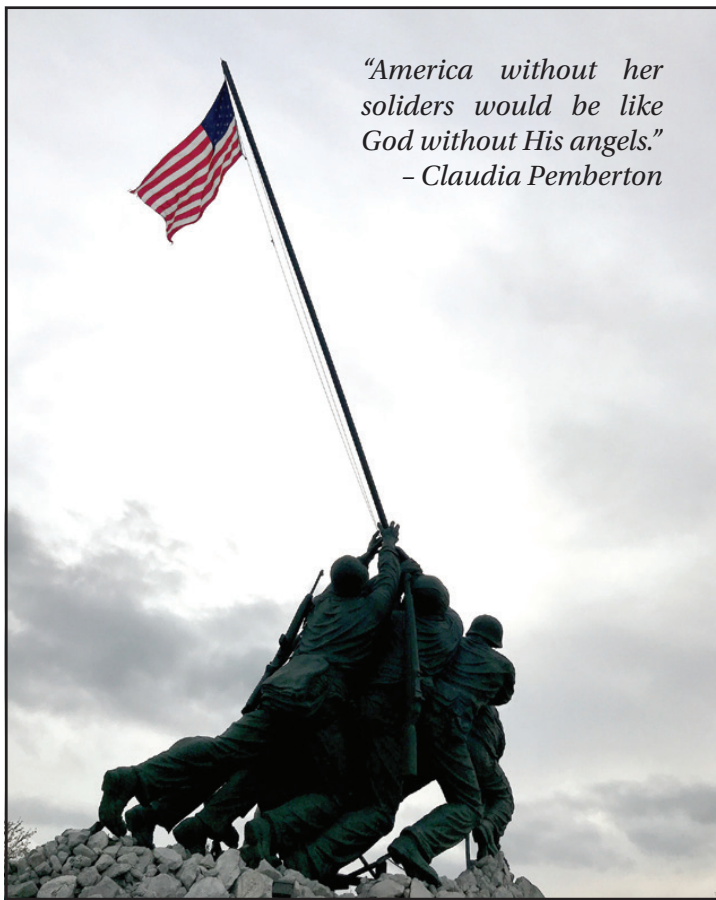


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Brown to retire from InterBank

After 57 years of banking, Gary Brown will be retiring this month from Friona InterBank. Gary has experienced and seen a tremendous amount of change throughout his years here. As he moves into this new phase of his life, we are also pleased to announce that Gary will remain on the InterBank Advisory Board and our local Loan Committee as his expertise is valued and appreciated.

In May of 1963, this young man graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He applied for a job at Friona State Bank and was hired. When Gary started working at the bank, it was located at 7th and Main Street. He made the move to the present bank facility, which was built in 1970.

Gary has had a long and successful career as an agriculture loan officer with the bank. He is highly respected and appreciated by the InterBank organization, as well as many, many customers and friends. His knowledge and experience has been valuable and instrumental in the success of the bank. Gary has moved through the ranks



New Community Bank President Justin Jeter (left) congratulates retiring President Gary Brown on 57 years of service at Friona State Bank and Friona InterBank.

beginning as Assistant Vice President and is currently the Community Bank President here in Friona.

In his banking career, Gary graduated from the prestigious SMU School of Banking, a three year banking school. Also, in May of 2013, Gary was presented with the esteemed and notable 50 Year Banker Award from the

Texas Bankers Foundation, and Friona State Bank hosted a sausage wrap celebration in honor of this 50 Year achievement.

In addition to being a full-time banker, Gary has always been a vital part of the Friona community and active in many activities. Among others, he has been President of the Evening Lions Club sev-

eral times, on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for two terms, Chairman of the Friona United Way, City of Friona Councilman, Friona Man of the Year, a member of the Parmer County Soil Conservation Committee, and active in the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

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Governor announces Phase Two to open Texas

On Monday, Governor Greg Abbott announced the second phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase II, restaurants may increase their occupancy to 50% and additional services and activities that remained closed under Phase I may open with restricted occupancy levels and minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Additionally, the Governor announced that public schools in Texas have the option to provide in-person summer school so long as they follow social distancing practices and health protocols laid out by DSHS. These classes may begin as soon as

June 1st.

Via Executive Order, the following services and activities may open under Phase II. They include: Child Care Centers (May 18); Massage and Personal-Care Centers (May 18); Youth Clubs (May 18); Rodeo and Equestrian Events (May 22); Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Simulcast Racing, and Skating Rinks (May 22); Bars (May 22); Aquariums and Natural Caverns (May 22); Zoos (May 29); Day Youth Camps (May 31); Overnight Youth Camps (May 31); Youth Sports (May 31); and Certain professional sports without in-person spectators (May 31).

All sporting and camp activities are required to adhere by special safety standards, and minimum standard health protocols have been

established for all newly-announced opened services and activities. Businesses located in office buildings may also open but must limit their occupancy to the greater of 10 employees or 25% of their workforce.

Additionally, restaurants may expand their occupancy to 50% beginning May 22. Bars—including wine tasting rooms, craft breweries, and similar businesses—may open at 25% occupancy but like restaurants, these occupancy limits do not apply to

outdoor areas that maintain safe distancing among parties.

Certain counties experiencing surges in COVID-19 cases will have their beginning date of Phase II delayed until May 29. These counties include El Paso, Randall, Potter, Moore, and Deaf Smith. Surge Response Teams are actively working in these areas to increase testing, maintain hospital capacity, and ensure that COVID-19 is contained and mitigated.

FHS Graduation ceremony guidelines given

There are rules and regulations that **MUST** be followed and your cooperation is appreciated to make this special occasion possible, while trying to keep everyone healthy. The 2020 Friona High School Graduation Ceremony is open only to graduates and their guests. Unfortunately, the ceremony is not open to the general public.

- Each graduate will be allowed to have four (4) guests. Children and infants count as guests. Guests will check in at the gate and must provide identification upon entry. Their name must match the names the graduates have provided.

- Graduates will be screened upon entry as well as their four guests. Please

do not attend if you are sick. Any person not deemed eligible **will be excluded** from the ceremony.

- Each graduate's four member group will be social distanced as marked off in the stands. While entering and exiting the football stadium make sure that you and your four guests are maintaining social distancing. Each family will need to find the marked location in the stadium seats. Each guest must sit as close as possible to the marking. If a small child is one of your guests, make sure that they are not running around.

- After the graduation ceremony, please exit the stadium while maintaining social distancing.

- There will be no entrance onto the**

football field at any time for non-graduates. It is only for the Class of 2020.

- You must exit the stadium as soon as the ceremony ends, so please save all of your family pictures for a different location.

- Feel free to wear your mask. Everyone wants this to be a safe experience. There will be hand sanitizer at the doors for you to use.

- Make sure that you all **DO NOT** congregate in the parking lot before or after the ceremony.

The graduation ceremony will be live broadcast both online with KGRW and on 94.7 KGRW radio. WT Services will re-broadcast the recording on local Channel 6.

The Masked Winner



Congratulations to 3-year old Kaleb Salinas. He is the winner of the Facemask Contest. Kaleb is shown with his \$100 worth of Friona bucks to be used at local restaurants. Bon appétit! Photos of all of the contestants are on the back page.

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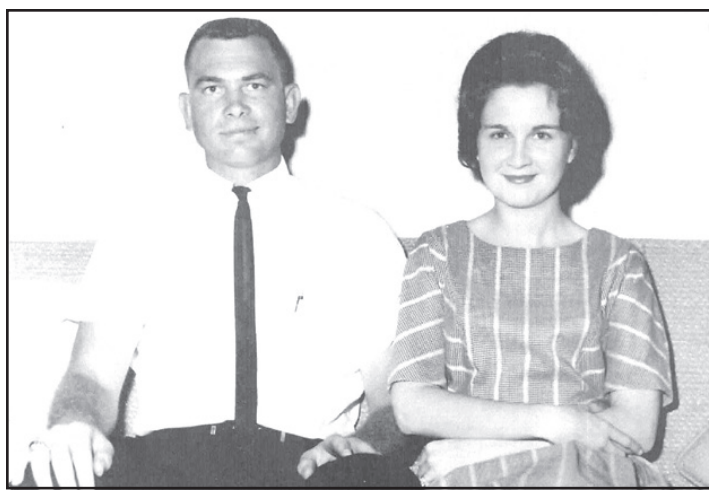
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Brown to retire from InterBank

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Gary also has a farm and cattle business that keeps him busy from dawn to dusk, but never losing his easy-going smile and friendliness for everyone he meets. Gary and his wife, Barbara, married in March of 1959, giving them an admired 61 years together so far. They have two children and six grandchildren. Their son, Jeff, and his wife, Tonia have three boys, Zach, Josh, and Noah. Their daughter, Julie, and her husband, Jon, have three girls, Jaden, Jaycee, and Jolee.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, InterBank employees are saddened that they will not be able to have a proper celebration for Gary at this time. However, there are plans for a big celebration after everything opens back up, and everyone will be invited to join in on the festivities. Gary will be sorely missed by everyone at the bank, as well as customers. The entire InterBank family is happy that Gary will be able to enjoy some retirement years with his family. Best Wishes!!!



Gary and Barbara Brown



Gary Brown - the early years at Friona State Bank

Promotions and Updates

Taking over the role of Community Bank President will be Justin Jeter. Justin has lived in Friona his entire life, with the exception of his time away at college. He graduated from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's of Science in AgriBusiness. Justin began his banking career with InterBank (formerly Friona State Bank) in 2004 as an Agriculture Representative; performing inspections and appraisals. Over the last 15 years, he has risen through the ranks, and has been serving as Executive Vice President of lending and operations for both Friona and Vega banking locations for the last 11 years. Justin is a member of InterBank's Advisory Board, ALCO Committee, and Local Loan Com-

mittee.

Outside of his banking duties, Justin currently serves the community in the following capacities: Chairman of the Finance Committee for Friona United Methodist Church; a position he has been in for 8 years, member of the Friona Economic Development Committee, member of the Friona High School Curriculum and Technology Committee, and member of the Friona Elementary Campus Improvement Committee. Justin has also served 8 years as Lion's Club Treasurer, 3 years as Secretary for the Parmer County Junior Livestock program, coached Friona kids in soccer in the Clovis Youth Soccer Association, and coached basketball and baseball for our local youths.

Justin has been married to his wife M'Kell for nearly 21 years. She is the principal of the Friona Elementary School. Justin and M'Kell have two sons, Kaden and Brice.

Quent Roach is being promoted to Vice President. Quent is a loan officer, Security Officer for the bank, a

member of InterBank's Advisory Board and Local Loan Committee. Quent was born and raised in Arlington, Texas and graduated from high school there. Quent graduated from WTAMU with a degree in Animal Science. He chose WT because he knew the school has a strong Ag department. He joined our banking family in November 2017.

Quent is married to Catie, who is also from Arlington. Catie graduated from Texas Tech with an Ag Education degree. She returned to

school at WTAMU and graduated with an accounting degree. She is presently working at McGinty & Associates in Hereford and working toward her CPA. Quent and Catie are expecting their first child in July.

The InterBank lobby is now open for business. Protective panes have been added for the safety of customers and employees. Masks are recommended, but not mandatory. Please use the drive-thru windows if you think you may have any symptoms of the coronavirus.



New President Justin Jeter



New Vice President Quent Roach

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

May 22

- Senior Parade at 7:00 p.m. on Main Street

May 25

- Memorial Day

May 29

- FHS Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

Texas Panhandle: 3892 cases, 57 deaths 1,042 recoveries	Eastern New Mexico: 78 cases, 1 death
Armstrong County: 2	Curry County:43
Briscoe County: 1	Quay County: 5
Carson County: 4	Roosevelt County: 27
Castro County: 27	Union: 3
Childress County: 2	
Collingsworth County: 4	Oklahoma Panhandle:
Cottle County: 4	808 cases, 4 deaths
Dallam County: 18	Beaver County: 23
Deaf Smith County: 130	Cimarron: 1
Donley County: 26	Texas County:784
Gray County: 92	
Hansford County: 17	Texas:
Hartley County: 12	49,912 cases
Hemphill County: 1	1,369 deaths
Hutchinson County: 30	29,359 recoveries
Lipscomb: 2	
Moore County: 575	United States:
Motley: 1	1,559,750 cases
Ochiltree County: 40	92,333 deaths
Oldham County: 3	
Parmer County: 38	Worldwide:
Potter County: 2,193	4,840,384 cases
Randall County: 616	320,533 deaths
Roberts County: 2	
Sherman County: 23	
Swisher County: 15	
Wheeler County: 14	

10 or less in a group

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Stay 6 foot away

Wear your mask

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ACROSS

1 TX Byron Nelson book: "___ Played the Game"

5 noted TXn: "Tiger" Teague

6 TX Sam Rayburn birth state (abbr.)

7 TXism: "armed ___ the teeth"

8 mo. that TX became a U.S. state (abbr.)

9 this allowed Lyndon to run for VP & U.S. Senate at the same time in 1960 (2 wds.)

15 TXism: "a sight for ___ eyes"

16 this TX Henry was HUD Secretary

18 TXism: "has ___ up on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

20 this TX Jack was "Tallest Man in the World"

22 TXism: "woke ___" (trouble)

27 TXism: "tall Texas ___" (lie)

28 State Fair snack (2 wds.)

29 TXism: "it didn't ___" (failed)

30 tobacco teeth

32 past U.S. Senator, Phil (init.)

33 TXism: "smoking in a fireworks factory"

36 TXism: "if he ___ dog he wouldn't wag his tail" (lazy)

37 O.J.'s judge

DOWN

1 TX in July

2 TX Hamblen wrote "This ___ House"

3 in Rannels County on U.S. 83

4 TX Zinita Fowler book: "The Last ___"

8 entry portal

9 TXism: "feel ___ and spit out"

10 college deg.

11 TX Trevino beat this Nicklaus in his 1st U.S.Open (init.)

12 this "Pappy" left governorship in 1941 for U.S. Senate (2 wds.)

13 stool pigeon (2 wds.)

14 TXism: "___ wrangler" (writer)

15 said

16 TXism: "___ boose" (jail)

17 TXism: "as welcome as ___ pig"

19 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)

21 TXism for "provoke" (2 wds.)

22 opposite of down

23 rasslin' mat

24 Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge

25 seat of Fannin County

26 UT's ___ C. Barker History Center

28 TXism: "if ___ rooster, he'll crow"

31 in Bowie County on U.S. 82

34 retired TX oil firefighter, Red (init.)

35 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ a holler"

37 to forgive ___ be divine

40 clothes

43 TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"

44 TXism: "a man to ___ river with" (genuine)

50 TXism: "too many ___ in the fire"

51 country singer Chris ___Doux

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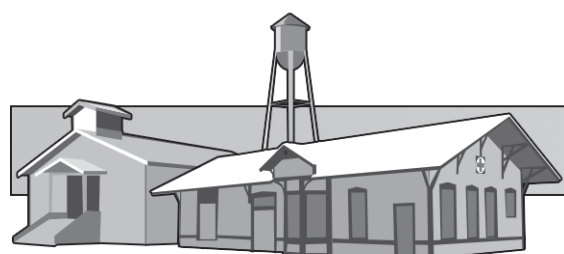
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Parmer County has seen a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases the past week. Part of the rise is due to the increased amount of testing. Be aware that the Amarillo area is now one of the major "hot spots" in the entire nation. Please wear a mask in public settings.

★★★

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a day for Americans to offer tribute and honor to the heroes who laid down their lives to preserve our freedoms. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following

the Civil War. It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those service men and women who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially declared a national holiday by an act of Congress.

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High School Band Director Chris Rackley and the members of the Friona Chieftain Band will put out crosses at the Friona Cemetery for Memorial Day. There are no scheduled services this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Texas law enforcement officers will be out in force during the Memorial Day weekend looking

for impaired drivers. Failing to drive sober immensely increases the chance of being arrested for a DWI. "We want all the citizens of Parmer County to make it home safely this weekend. No one wins when you drink and drive or use impairing drugs and drive," said Wendy Case, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agent. Not only could you become a memory in someone's life, you could also cost someone their life, or cause serious, lifelong injuries. The financial burden of getting a DWI can run as high as \$17,000 — not to mention the emotional costs associated with a DWI. Plan ahead by using a non-drinking driver or a taxi/rideshare service to get home

safely. If that is not an option, sleep at a friend's house. Planning ahead can make this Memorial Day a memorable weekend — while not planning ahead might turn it into a nightmare.

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A shout out to Parmer County Farm Bureau and State Farm Insurance for feeding essential workers this past week. See photos on page 6. Thank you to all our essential workers and the work that you perform. Stay safe.

★★★

Sign up is now underway for the 12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament to be held July 25th and 26th at the John Pitman Golf Club in Her-

eford, Texas. The annual event is a 36-hole two-person scramble and space is limited to the first 80 teams that register. Proceeds benefit the Parmer County and Hereford Cancer Coalitions which provide grants for local cancer patients. The entry fee is \$300 per team and you can call the John Pitman Golf Club at 806-363-7139 to sign up.

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National Days

- May 21 — Memo Day
- May 22 — Road Trip Day
- May 23 — Lucky Penny Day
- May 24 — Scavenger Hunt Day
- May 25 — Memorial Day
- May 26 — Paper Airplane Day
- May 27 — Grape Popsicle Day

Friona Flashbacks

Cub Scout Carter Gilley has a hand full of flags as he helps put the flags on veteran's graves at Friona Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend. Ron Carr photo (Friona Star, May 28, 2015)



COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from May 7, 2020 to May 14, 2020

- (5/8/2020) Ben Osborn, Lori Ann Osborn — Will Rushing, Amy Rushing — A tract of land in NW 1/4 section 6 B C Capitol Syndicate in Parmer County Volume 268 Page 645
- (5/11/2020) Saturnino Rodriguez — Felipe Morales — All of Lot 12 Block 41 Original Town of Friona
- (5/11/2020) Michael Joseph D Arezzo — Dion Michael London — 1/3 interest Lot 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 Section 4
- (5/12/2020) Bobby Tyler, Amber Paige Tyler — Stanley Ott, Carrie Ott — SE 1/4 of Section 11 T4S R4E

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Randy Gerles, Sheriff

- (5/11/2020) — Lisa Conners, 39, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Appear - Possession CS Pg2 > 1 gram < 4 grams, pending District Court.
- (5/12/2020) — Juan Alonzo, 24, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI accident involving damage to a vehicle, pending County Court.
- (5/14/2020) — Steven Silva, 34, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 ounces, pending County Court.
- (5/14/2020) — Diego Pu Jimon, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

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Memorial Day is a time for us to remember and share memories of the people who have fought and given up their lives for our country. We remember them when we hold events in their honor, decorate their graves with flowers and watch military jets fly overhead. Memorial Day is also a good time to honor our living veterans. We do this when we listen to them tell stories about their military service or we ask them to lead our parades. We also honor them when we raise funds to meet any special needs they may have when they come home after serving our country. **Read the clues to fill in the holiday puzzle.**

On Memorial Day ...

- _____ are being said for peace
- _____ are firing salutes
- a _____ is being laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns (service people) in Arlington National Cemetery
- _____ are flying at half-mast
- a _____ is sounding Taps
- little _____ filled with flowers are being set upon the waters to honor those who have died at sea
- _____ are playing patriotic songs
- _____ are roaring overhead to honor service people who have died

In Support... Follow the dots to see the special flower. Color it in:

B = Brown
R = Red

Volunteers sell little artificial flowers to raise money to help veterans. We wear these red poppies as a symbol of those who have fought and died for America.

How We Remember...

There are many ways in which we honor people and keep memories alive! Match the ways below. Then, find and circle the words in the puzzle:

- displaying _____
- marching in _____
- decorating service people's _____
- flying _____ at half-mast
- firing 21-gun _____

A. parades
B. flags
C. salutes
D. medals
E. graves

1. reading a serviceperson's _____

2. listening to _____

3. playing "Taps" on a _____

4. watching a _____ explaining war events

5. praying for _____ everywhere

A. peace
B. film
C. bugle
D. speeches
E. letters

Help little mouse find the family picnic basket:

Respectful Signals

When we gather to listen to a bugler sounding Taps, or when we watch the wreath being laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns (soldiers and other service people) in Arlington National Cemetery, we are saying,

"We remember you and we..."

Signal Flags

Each of these flags stands for a letter of the alphabet. Study them to fill in the blanks:

Sales Tax Holidays are May 23-25

Tax holiday on Water-Efficient and ENERGY STAR® Products

As Texas businesses slowly reopen their doors amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding families and businesses that they can save on the purchase of certain water- and energy-efficient products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays.

The holidays, created by the Texas Legislature, both take place Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25.

"Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems put a tremendous strain on our power

grids and water supplies," Hegar said. "Even in these uncertain times, Texans can take advantage of this sales tax holiday to buy more energy-efficient items, support local businesses and save money. You can practice social distancing and other precautionary measures when shopping in person or shop online. Qualifying products are tax free."

This is the fifth year for the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday. Products displaying a WaterSense® label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use. These include show-

er heads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only. There's no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase tax free.

Gas prices rise as oil rallies

By GasBuddy | May 18, 2020

For the third straight week, the national average price of gasoline has risen, posting an increase of 2.0 cents over the last week to \$1.86 per gallon according to GasBuddy data. The average price of diesel, meanwhile, fell 0.2 cents to \$2.41 per gallon. Across the country, nearly all states saw average prices rise. The average cost at the priciest 10% of stations stands at \$2.66 per gallon, while the lowest 10% average is \$1.41 per gallon.

"The recovery in gasoline prices has continued across much of the country thanks to recovery in fuel demand as states reopen and motorists get out of the house as temperatures are more conducive to outdoor activity. Oil prices continue to follow the gasoline-led recovery, with challenges still seen for portions of the refined oil barrel, including diesel and jet fuel," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for Gas-

Buddy. "It's been a dramatic turn of events- a month ago, gasoline was the least wanted portion of the barrel, and refiners acted quickly to respond to gasoline demand that dropped in half, but now as cabin fever hits Americans, gasoline demand has rebounded notably, which has caused oil prices to follow. Expect the uptick to continue as we approach Memorial Day, but prices will still set multi-year lows for the holiday and may for a good portion of the summer as well, so there should remain optimism with motorists- summer gas prices will remain quite low compared to previous years."

The price of crude oil has continued to rally to a two month high as gasoline demand recovers, with a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil up 9% in early Monday morning trade to \$32.08 per barrel, a \$7.09 per bar-

rel rise versus last Monday morning. Brent crude oil was up over 6% or \$2 per barrel to \$34.50, up from \$31.11 a week ago.

Data from the Energy Information Administration showed a surprising drop in both crude oil and gasoline inventories, further putting upward pressure on oil and gasoline prices. According to the EIA, crude oil inventories fell by 700,000 barrels, while gasoline inventories dropped 3.5 million barrels. Distillate inventories, however, eked out a rise of 3.5 million barrels. Refinery utilization also fell 2.6% last week to 67.9%, a surprising revelation given that demand has begun to notably increase across the U.S. By refining less crude oil, refiners run the risk of escalating refined products prices more so than oil prices as they stand at the choke point as motorists resume filling their tanks.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

May 21

Matthew Schueler
Mark Zachary
David Drake
Jeremiah Norwood
Aspen Fleming
Mason Fleming
Reed Kendrick
Lonnie Woodruff

May 22

Scott Terry
Mark Osborn
Jerri Landrum
Lance Venhaus
Kalley (Preston) Howard
Michael Bautista
Marius Preyer
Anthony Padilla

May 23

Susan Renner
Chad Gayle
Ryan Reynard
Becky Stanberry

May 24

Grace Cooper,
Sherri Jubay-Couch
Joe Santellano

May 25

Mike Mariscal
Cheryl Procter
Connie Tinner

May 26

DaLinda Black
Tom Fuller
John Gurley
Haddie Haile
Katherine Johnston
Doug Kelly
Janey Reeve
Adriana Alvarez

May 27

Andrew Aguirre
Mike Blackburn
Caleb Geske
Blake Montoya
Dan Neelley
Shattner Reeve

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

Rodriguez graduates from WTAMU

Jasmine D'Nae Rodriguez, BSN graduated from West Texas A&M University this spring with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing and a Minor in Spanish. She completed the Spring 2020 semester with a 4.0 grade average and earned recognition on the President's list. She was inducted into the Spanish Honor Society (Sigma Delta Pi) and the Nursing Honor Society (Sigma Theta Tau). She was awarded a 2019-2020 Panhandle Great 25 Nurses Scholarship.



Jasmine has accepted a position at Northwest Texas Healthcare on the Medical ICU floor.

Hough named Salutatorian of Farwell HS Class of 2020

Truman Hough will graduate from Farwell High School on Friday, May 29th. He was recognized as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2020. He is the son of David & Rene Hough of Friona.

Truman plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Mechanical Engineering.



Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - May 6, 2020

National Response Rate	59.6%
Texas Self-Response Rate.....	54.3%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	34.1%
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Worldly Temptations

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In scripture, the world can refer to the physical world in which we live or it can refer to a system and values that defines the climate of our culture. The theme through scripture is that the world's system's and values have not lined up with God's standards since the Garden of Eden, and they never will. Think of Sodom and Gomorrah, Egypt, Israel in the Old Testament, Jerusalem in Jesus' day and many other examples that displaying the persistent wayward drift of the world. Further, you will be pulled along in

its wake if you are not on guard against worldly temptations. 1 John 2:15-17 says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." Notice that the temptations of the world deal with your desires. The world will

throw out sex, alcohol, drugs, popularity, homosexuality and so much more as those things you have to have to make yourself complete, but in reality they will leave you hopeless, hurting and empty. Do not go after worldly desires to pour your life into them, instead focus on the eternal nature of God and his purposes. The world changes at a dizzying pace, but Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today and forever! Only Christ can fully satisfy and give you help and hope through life no matter what you face.

Be Confident in God

Last Friday, I was reading Psalm 57, a psalm David wrote after he had fled from Saul to a cave. In verse 6, David said, "My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it." Then, in verse 7, David said, "My heart is confident in you, O God, no wonder I can sing your praises!"

David's words made me wonder if I am confident in God. Are you???

Are you confident that God loves you, no matter what you say, think, or do, and there is nothing you can do to drive Him away from you?

Are you confident that God's Word is absolute truth?

Are you confident that God always keeps His promises?

Are you confident that God is always with you, even when you can't feel His presence?

I have to admit that my confidence sometimes wavers. For instance, when I pray and pray and pray for something to happen, and it doesn't happen, I waver, wondering and asking why?

When it comes to being confident in God, sometimes it depends on what we are going through, where we are in our walk with God, and sometimes it is difficult to be confident in God when we don't see how something can possibly turn out good.

No matter what comes our way in life, whether our en-

emies are after us, whether we are in utter distress, whether we feel like we are at the bottom of a pit, we need to be confident in God. We need to know and BELIEVE that when we say, "God has this," He really does have it! And, we should praise God for "having it," even when life seems to be at its worst for us.

How many times have we been told that life isn't easy? Well, when it isn't easy, we can, like David, be confident in God, knowing that He is going to work everything out, maybe not to our liking, but He will work it all out for our best. That is something we can be confident in, and something we can praise Him for! Take care and have a great week!!!

Panhandle Parables

Things Worth Remembering!

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

There is much said in Scripture about the need to not forget or more simply put, to remember. As we move through the challenges we face with the current pandemic, I am reminded of all the things this nation has overcome in its young history. Here we are at the kickoff of summer and it begins with us remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our freedom. Freedom is such a precious gift that was purchased with the blood of those willing to fight for it and protect it that we may live free.

I do pray we can be inspired by those who have sacrificed all their future birthdays, holidays and "ev-

erydays" to secure a future for each one of us. This is the first Memorial Day that my granddad will not be present. He humbly served in the US Navy during World War II. I am very thankful to have had him for 50 years. I cannot measure yet the amount of influence he had and continues to have on my life. But today, I am mindful of all those young men and women in our history as the United States of America that did not come home to become parents, or even grandparents. Their legacy played out in a burst of human life in short form as they willingly died to protect us. As a citizen, I believe that pausing to give thanks and be thankful

for the sacrifices so many have made, should happen more than once a year. It is when we forget that history tends to repeat and sadly at the cost of more willing men and women who do believe this is a great country.

As a Christian, I am to give honor where honor is due, and I can't think of a better way to show gratitude than to live as all citizens should with gratitude for the gift of freedom. I am also very mindful that Christ died to give us life beyond the grave and purchased for us this gift with His own blood. May we never lose sight of the significance of sacrifice and to remember freedom is not free. God bless.

New \$1 Billion Program To Help Texas Families with Kids Afford Groceries

Feeding Texas applauded USDA's approval of a \$1 Billion state plan to help some Texas families buy groceries during the health crisis. Households containing children up to 21 years old who received free or low-cost lunch at school this year will be eligible for the new Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program.

- Families will receive a one-time benefit of approximately \$285 per eligible child.
- Families currently participating in SNAP with kids ages 5-18 will have the benefits added to their Lonestar cards by May 22. No application is needed.
- Families on SNAP with kids under age 5 or ages 19-21, and families that are not on SNAP will receive a letter from their school district by May 31 with instructions to enroll in P-EBT via a simple, online application. After enrolling online, families will receive an EBT card with those benefits as soon as their applications are processed.
- Getting this one-time benefit will not affect a family's eligibility for other benefits.

• P-EBT is available to families regardless of immigration status. Getting this one-time benefit will not keep a family member from getting a green card.

"We encourage all eligible families to take advantage of this one-time benefit to help them put food on the table," said Cecilia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "Feeding Texas will be working with food banks, schools, social workers and community leaders to inform families about their eligibility for P-EBT and how to enroll."

Texas is the 23rd state to gain access to the P-EBT program, which was created by Congress to help families whose children usually receive school lunch afford enough food during the pandemic.

"Good grades and good nutrition go hand in hand," said Cole. "If we want Texas children to go back to school in the fall nourished and ready to learn, we need to make sure everyone can afford to eat throughout this health and economic crisis."



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Psalm 46:1
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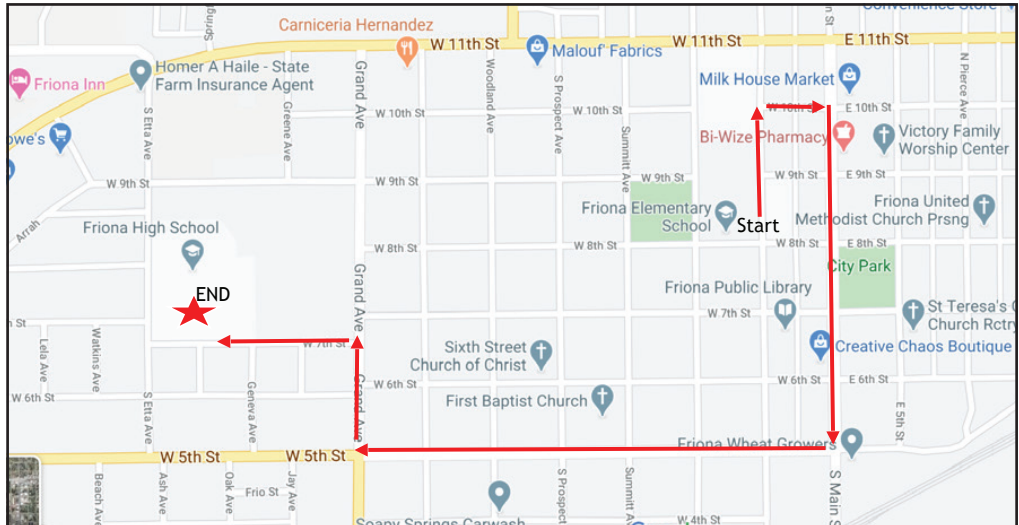
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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Reprinted essay from the book *100 Doses*, co-authored by Teddy Jones and Sue Jane Sullivan, published 2004 "A Dose of Reality" as updated for May 2020, a message to graduating seniors and their parents.

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest."—C.S. Lewis

My English II class was all abuzz recently about one of those reality television shows. Oh, that they could get that excited over Shakespeare. I try to tell them that Romeo and Juliet's situation is much more realistic. Kids fall in love, their parents disapprove, they react, etc. Tell me when seven good-looking bachelors or beautiful bachelorettes made fools of themselves over you?

In Margery Williams' children's classic *The Velveteen Rabbit*, the stuffed animals in a child's nursery are discussing what makes something real. In the following exchange, the Old Skin Horse shares with the new Rabbit how reality happens.

The Skin Horse had lived longer in the nursery than any of the others. He was so old that his brown coat was bald in patches and showed the seams underneath, and most of the hairs in his tail had been pulled out to string bead necklaces. He was wise, for he had seen a long succession of mechanical toys arrive to boast and to swagger, and

by-and-by, break their main-springs and pass away, and he knew they were only toys, and would never turn into anything else. For nursery magic is very strange and wonderful, and only those playthings that are old and wise and experienced like the Skin Horse understand all about it.

"What is real?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real, you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose to your joints and very shabby.

But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to the people who don't understand."

Granted, a story about stuffed animals conversing with each other is not nearly as compelling as a reality television show. Still, now might be a good time to share this book with your graduating senior.

Nudge your children with reminders that reality is rooted in relationships and situations in which we learn not just about others but ourselves. Recognizing genuineness is a skill—put it in their backpacks as they head off to new worlds of college, the workforce, the military, or marriage. In the years to come when they no longer live under your roof, continue to love them so much that they can be genuinely real with you.

During this Season of Sentimental Parentals, embrace it. Even if your graduate is too old for a bedtime story, you can still gift them some of these classics. Much of children's literature is timeless and worth revisiting: *The Giving Tree*, *Charlotte's Webb*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* series, *Harry Potter* series, *Swiss Family Robinson*, and *A Wrinkle in Time*. From these stories come many life lessons that will strengthen the foundation you have given them the past eighteen years—your very own reality "show" that the rest of us have enjoyed watching.

State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Texas bolsters efforts to reduce spread of COVID-19

AUSTIN — Testing, sanitizing and emergency food benefits increased as Texas entered its third month of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notably, Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement concerning an outbreak of the deadly coronavirus in Amarillo, where more than 700 cases were reported on May 16. The report came after the governor's Surge Response Teams conducted site surveys and testing in high-risk areas, including meat-packing facilities in the Amarillo area. Two more weeks of testing would be conducted in high-risk areas, Abbott said.

Abbott on May 13 announced that Texas National Guard disinfection teams operating in coordination with the Texas Department of State Health Services have been deployed to help limit the spread of the deadly coronavirus in nursing homes.

Major Gen. Tracy R. Norris, adjutant general of Texas National Guard, said each of the six teams on duty across the state received training from the Texas Military Department's 6th Civil Support Team, which specializes in manmade and natural disaster assessment and rapid response in hazardous environments.

The Texas National Guard also fights the COVID-19 pandemic by providing personal protective equipment manufacturing support, food bank support, mobile COVID-19 testing and points of distribution for essential items.

Last week, as more Texans increased public activities, official data showed COVID-19 is not contained. On May 17, cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 47,784 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,336 deaths resulting from the influenza-like virus had been confirmed.

Order: Test nursing homes
Gov. Abbott on May 11 directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes. The collaboration of those agencies, Abbott said, would "ensure that any potential clusters of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes are quickly detected and contained."

Food benefits announced

Gov. Abbott on May 12 announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program to families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or discounted school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures.

The program, to be administered through the state health department, the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Education Agency, provides a one-time benefit of \$285 per child. The benefit can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to pay for groceries. Visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt to learn more.

Hospitals receive antiviral
The Texas Department of State Health Services, with FDA approval, on May 12 distributed 1,200 vials of the antiviral drug remdesivir to hospitals to treat patients with COVID-19.

Clinical trials of the antiviral drug reportedly have sped up by several days the recovery time of COVID-19 patients. Remdesivir was provided to the DSHS by the federal government from a supply donated by Gilead, the manufacturer.

Hospitals in these cities received shipments of remdesivir: Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, McAllen, Odessa, San Antonio, Tyler and Waco.

Mail-in ballots thwarted

Texans who wanted to vote by mail to reduce their exposure to COVID-19 still must go to their polling place if they plan to cast an election ballot, pursuant to a stay granted by the Texas Supreme Court on May 15.

In effect, the stay accepts an argument lodged by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who said Texas law prohibits a registered voter who is not disabled, not over age 65 and not an absentee from voting by mail-in ballot. Paxton said Texans should not be allowed to vote by mail merely because they fear contracting the deadly coronavirus if they must vote in person.

Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa issued a statement in response to the high court's action, saying, "This is a dark day for our democracy. The Republican Texas Supreme Court is wrong to force the people of Texas to choose between their health and their right to vote. They would have Texans die, just so they can hold on to power."

Sales tax holidays set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week promoted the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays, May 23-25.

"Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies," Hegar said. "Even in these uncertain times, Texans can take advantage of this sales tax holiday to buy more energy-efficient items, support local businesses and save money. You can practice social distancing and other precautionary measures when shopping in person or shop online. Qualifying products are tax free."

More information is available at comptroller.texas.gov.

On Memorial Day... We Remember...

Volunteers sell little artificial flowers to raise money to help veterans. We wear these red poppies as a symbol of those who have fought and died for America.

1. displaying _____
2. marching in _____
3. decorating service people's _____
4. flying _____ at half-mast
5. firing 21-gun _____

A. parades
B. flags
C. salutes
D. medals
E. graves

1. reading a service person's _____
2. listening to _____
3. playing "Taps" on a _____
4. watching a _____ explaining war events
5. praying for _____ everywhere

A. peace
B. film
C. bugle
D. speeches
E. letters

10. I am proud to decorate this brave soldier's grave!

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AgTexas Farm Credit awards \$9,000 in local scholarships - ONLINE

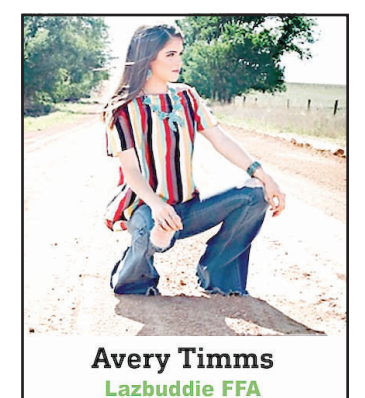
Outstanding 4-H and FFA high school students received prominent recognition for their dedication to agriculture through AgTexas Farm Credit Services' 5th Annual AgYouth Scholarship Program, and nine (9) students each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The banquet scheduled for Monday evening, May 4, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in downtown Amarillo was canceled due to limitations of social gathering. As a result, AgTexas announced its 21 scholarship recipients during a Facebook Live session held at the AgTexas corporate office in Lubbock. AgTexas CEO Tim McDonald and Kristy Tucker, Marketing Director, conducted a random drawing among the 36

Panhandle Region honorees.

Students recognized as AgYouth of the Month in our area included Adaline White (Friona FFA), Marcos Juarez (Friona FFA), Logan Paetzold (Deaf Smith County 4-H), Heidi Gruhlkey (Adrian 4-H), Jackson Neelley (Vega FFA), Emily Jackson (Vega FFA). Also, Avery Timms (Lazbuddie FFA), Payton Tolbert (Sudan FFA), Emma Rich (Sudan FFA), Ivonne Gonzalez (Farwell FFA), Erica Williams (Farwell FFA), Sloan Osborn (Farwell FFA).

Nine students were selected among the 36 Panhandle Region honorees to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from AgTexas Farm Credit, which created the program. Those students are Lucas



Bradshaw from Randall County 4-H, Spencer Clements from Stratford FFA, Ivonne Gonzalez from Farwell FFA, Briana Huseman from Nazareth FFA, Logan Paetzold from Deaf Smith County 4-H, Ruth Ramirez from Floydada FFA, Emma Rich from Sudan FFA, Avery Timms from Lazbuddie FFA and Jakob Weinheimer from Claude FFA.

Honorees from our area receiving the \$1,000 scholarships were Logan Paetzold (Deaf Smith County 4-H), Avery Timms (Lazbuddie FFA), Emma Rich (Sudan FFA) and Ivonne Gonzalez (Farwell FFA). Each of the 36 Panhandle Region honorees is receiving a \$100 Visa gift card and a certificate.

"This year's pandemic shows not only that we live in a changing world, but

also that we will find innovative solutions to our challenges," says AgTexas Farm Credit CEO Tim McDonald. He adds, "We chose the Facebook Live platform because we have used it successfully in the past."

McDonald continues, "We are honoring some of the best and brightest young minds in Texas with this program. These students represent the next generation of agriculture in Texas and the United States. It's our privilege to pay tribute to their achievements thus far and encourage them for the future. This worldwide pandemic is also teaching these young leaders that resilience is crucial in life."

Graduating senior students from their local FFA or 4-H program at high schools within counties that AgTexas serves received

recognition from November 2019 through this past month of April. AgTexas awarded a total of \$21,000 in scholarships among its three regions and has now presented over \$130,000 through the program in the past five years.

These 4-H and FFA programs help introduce many of their participants to agriculture, allowing students to learn and apply science and technology to make farming and ranching more productive and offer promising futures. "We are very pleased to have created the AgYouth of the Month program because it brings positive attention to young people who are investing in our state and nation as well as their own futures," added McDonald.

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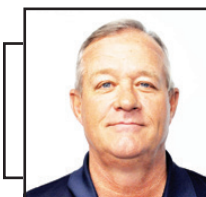
counties through 13 offices, including Amarillo, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Muleshoe, and Plainview.

About AgTexas Farm Credit Services: AgTexas is a rural lending cooperative, providing financing for real estate and operating capital, as well as insurance, leasing and cash management services for the Ag industry since 1934. Today, AgTexas serves approximately 3,500 members in 43 counties through 13 offices, including Amarillo, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Muleshoe and Plainview. In the Panhandle, AgTexas serves Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Sherman and Swisher counties.



AgTexas Farm Credit CEO, Tim McDonald, and Marketing Director, Kristy Tucker, conducting the live drawing on Facebook Live on Wednesday, May 13th.

Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*



From the Mayor by Ricky White

Cherry Cobbler

Cobbler is defined as an American deep-dish fruit dessert with a thick crust often made from biscuit dough. The cobbler is a variation of pie which the Roman's invented by sealing meat inside a flour and oil paste. The English carried on this tradition but called the pie a "coffyn." They too usually had meat filling and were served as a main dish. Cobblers also began with meat fillings and were eaten for breakfast or as a main dish. It wasn't until the late 19th century that cobbler became a dessert.

Early settlers in America could not al-

ways find the traditional ingredients they were used to using, so they improvised. This led them to use all varieties of fruit: fresh, preserved, or dried. Soon a biscuit dough crust was added to the top of the fruit filling. The name cobbler was most likely derived from the idea that the dessert was "cobbled" together or because the dropped biscuit dough on top resembled the cobble streets of the time. Cobblers became an easy and inexpensive way to end a meal especially along the cattle trails. Cooks with chuck wagons made famous the skillet cobbler cooked

over hot coals.

Many desserts resemble the cobbler, but go by different names such as crisp, crumble, Brown Betty, bird's nest pudding, dump cake, Dutch babies, galettes, grunts, slump, pandowdy, and sonker. Many of these dessert versions are regional in nature.

This week's recipes celebrate National Cherry Cobbler day on May 17. For more information on cobblers, you can search whatscookingamerica.net, www.foodreference.com, and cowboyandchuckwagoncooking.blogspot.com.

Cherry Cobbler www.justsotasty.com

Ingredients

Cherry Layer

- 6 cups pitted cherries, about 1.5 - 2 lbs
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch*

Biscuit Topping

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted & cooled slightly
- 1 large egg yolk, discard the white
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup buttermilk**

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400o F degrees.

Cherry Layer

Add the pitted cherries, sugar, lemon juice, almond extract, and cornstarch to a large bowl. Carefully stir the mixture so the cherries are evenly coated.

Biscuit Layer

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a liquid measuring cup, whisk together the melted butter, egg, vanilla extract, and buttermilk. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir the mixture together until it's just mixed together. **Be careful not to over mix.** It will look lumpy.

Assemble & Bake

With a slotted spoon, spoon the cherry mixture into a 9x9 inch pan. You can leave the extra juice in the bottom of your bowl. Break off small sections of the biscuit

dough, flatten slightly and place over top of the cherries leaving a little space between each piece of biscuit. I usually do about 8-9 sections total. Cover the pan lightly with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the aluminum foil and continue baking for 25-30 minutes, or until the biscuit layer is golden brown and you can see the cherries bubbling underneath. Let cool for 10-15 minutes before serving with vanilla ice cream. Optionally sprinkle 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar on top first.

Notes*If you don't have cornstarch, use 3 tablespoons of flour instead.

******You could substitute buttermilk with 1/2 cup milk mixed with 1 teaspoon of fresh lemon juice.

Store leftovers covered in the fridge. To reheat, preheat the oven to 250F degrees. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake until warm in the center.

Easy Cobbler By Jeri Lynn White

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 stick butter
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 4-6 cups fruit (sweetened as needed)

Melt butter in 9x14 pan. Mix together all the ingredients except fruit. Pour batter on top of butter. Drain fruit. If fresh, sprinkle 8 Tbsp. sugar on fruit. Pour fruit on top of batter. Bake in 350°F for 50 minutes. As an added treat, I like to sprinkle cinnamon/sugar mixture on top of the cobbler before baking.

Greetings!!!!

As we continue to move forward in these uncharted waters dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to spike in positive cases. Currently, as of May 19th, we have 38 total cases combined from Friona (26 of the 38), Bovina, and Farwell. I listen to the experts and their comments range from "open up the country, let the pandemic run its course" to "shut everything back down to try and control the pandemic." How are we to know the best option when the medical experts are so far apart on their ways to control it. It's been said that the vaccine for the pandemic is still one year away.....there are also different opinions concerning that topic.

There are things that are within our control that we can do locally that will help prevent the spread. They include; (1) washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, (2) wearing a mask in public places (this will minimize the risk), (3) social distancing at least 6 feet apart, and (4) gathering in groups of 10 or less people while keeping social distancing in mind. If everyone would commit to these simple precautions, we can hopefully slow down the spread.

I want to encourage all retail stores to recommend that anyone entering their place of business to wear a mask. It's for their own protection and the protection of their patrons. This is highly recommended. The Governor of New

Mexico has mandated that everyone in that state wear a mask in public places. I will never mandate such a city ordinance due to infringing on peoples' civil rights. I hope that people will understand that when you chose to wear a mask it minimizes the risk for you and others.

Governor Abbott will lift the 25% capacity to 50% capacity for all restaurants on May 22nd with the exception of Potter, Randall, Moore, and Deaf Smith counties. Since we are very close to what the Governor has referred to as a "hot spot" location, I want to encourage all restaurant owners to thoroughly sanitize tables and chairs once their patrons leave and before other patrons use that table. I realize this takes extra effort, but it will help in minimizing the spread. Also, with 50% capacity now allowed, please organize the tables where one group of people do not sit beside another table. We hope that business owners will take extra care to protect their patrons and themselves.

This pandemic will not go away anytime soon. It's here to stay for a much longer time than the experts anticipated. As the experts decide what to do and work to eliminate the virus, we can do things within our own control. I would encourage everyone to continue to protect yourself, and in doing so, you will protect the people around you.

Your Mayor

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No purchase necessary. Starts May 17 and ends September 5, 2020, while supplies last. See official rules at allsupscontest.com for complete details.

Still Rockin' after all these years!!!



A "Rockin' Retiree Parade" was held on Tuesday, May 19th to honor the seven Fisd employees who are retiring this year. The "Magnificent Seven" have a combined 191 years of teaching experience between them. The newly retired include (l-r) Lupe Shelby (15 years), Karen Barns (15 years), Judy Rhodes (40 years), Kathi Miller (30 years), Loy McLellan (45 years), Beverly Ingram (27 years), and Linda Welch (19 years). Photos by Sharon White

Facemask Competition Entries



Mercedes Williams



Sylvia Rios



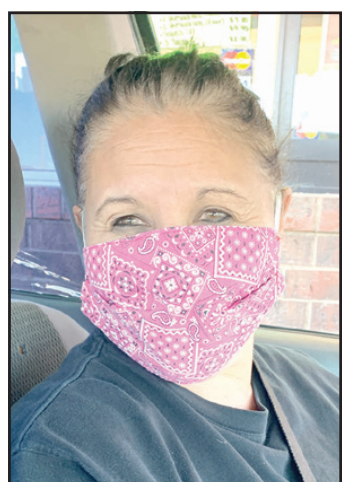
Carter, Porter and Foster Gilley



Lee Davila



Lakota



Beth Davila



Mitchell Smiley



Kaleb Salinas



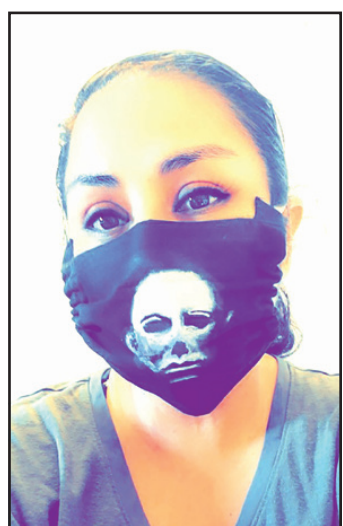
Sarah Correa



David Davila



Lance Hasbrouck



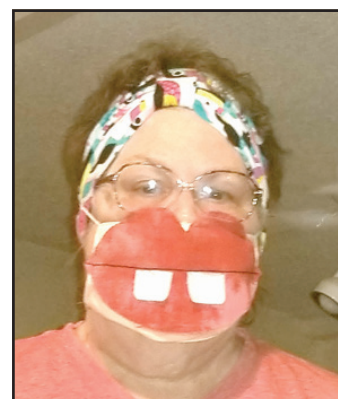
Victoria Aguilar



Claudia Regalado



Varla Wilcox



Kristina Anthony



Maddox and Kennedy Ashlock

What You Should Know About COVID-19 & Long-Term Care

A person who lives in a nursing or assisted living facility could be at risk of getting COVID-19. Coronavirus can spread fast in a facility if staff and residents move around the building and come into contact with one another. State and federal government are temporarily restricting visits by family members and others not giving "essential care."

Resources	The National Consumer Voice
The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care has developed fact sheets on what families, facilities, and communities need to know about COVID-19. Visit their webpage for information on limiting the spread, federal guidelines for facilities, and how residents and families can stay connected.	
theconsumervoice.org	
Assistance	Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serves as the advocate for residents in long-term care. Ombudsmen have remained available to advocate for the highest quality of life and care for residents during the coronavirus crisis. If you have questions or concerns about a resident's care or rights contact your local ombudsman for the Texas Panhandle Area Agency on Aging.	
(806) 331-2227 / 1-800-642-6008	
Formal Complaints	Texas Health & Human Services
To make a formal complaint, including suspected abuse or neglect in a long-term care facility, call the Texas Health and Human Services Complaint and Incident Intake.	
1-800-458-9858	

May 2020

12th Annual PUDGE KENDRICK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Proceeds benefit the Parmer County and Hereford Cancer Coalitions, which provide grants for local cancer patients

July 25-26, 2020

John Pitman Golf Club
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Saturday tee times:
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- ✓ Player evaluation Saturday following meal

To sign up, contact:
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806-363-7139

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